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SUBJ: UNDESCO OFFICIAL DENIES ACCUSATIONS

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5150 (NOTAL)

1. DR. GUSTAVO MALEK, NEWLY APPOINTED UNESCO REGIONAL DIRECTOR, BASED IN MONTEVIDEO, ENERGETICALLY DENIED REPORTS THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH IN BAHIA BLANCA, ARGENTINA. IN INTERVIEWS WITH THE PRESS AND T.V., MALEK, WHOM ONLY ARRIVED HERE 48 HOURS BEFORE, DENIED PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS MADE IN ARGENTINA. IN ADDITION, HE TOLD THE REPORTERS THAT HE HAD PUT HIMSELF AT THE DISPOSITION OF GENERAL VIDELA AND SAID THAT HE WAS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO CLEAR HIS NAME. MALEK SAID THAT HIS PUBLIC LIFE IS WELL-KNOWN AND THAT HE IS A FAMILY-MAN, ROTARIAN, A CHRISTIAN, AND A CATHOLIC. HE TERMED THE SITUATION RIDICULOUS, BUT SAD, AND ASKED HOW HE COULD HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH SUBVERSIVES, WHEN AMONG THE OTHER PEOPLE ACCUSED, THERE WAS INCLUDED ONE WHOM HE THREW OUT OF THE UNIVERSITY WHILE HE WAS RECTOR,

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AND ANOTHER WHO THREW HIM OUT IN 1973 FOR HAVING BEEN A

MINISTER DURING THE "MILITARY DICTATORSHIP." HE STATED THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN A POLITICIAN AND ONLY CONSIDERED HIMSELF TO BE A TECHNICIAN. MOREOVER, HE SAID HE BELIEVES

THAT VIOLENCE AND SUBVERSION ONLY GENERATE MORE VIOLENCE AND SUBVERSION.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AID REPRESENTATIVE, MALEK CONFIRMED WHAT HE HAD TOLD THE PRESS AND SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN URUGUAY.

3. MEDIA HAS GIVEN WIDE PLAY TO THE STORY. LANUSSE LETTER WAS PRINTED IN ENTIRETY.
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